THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The official estimation of poverty is done by the Planning Commission, based on the Quinquennial Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) The official poverty line is anchored on the per capita monthly expenditure corresponding to per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The poverty line defined in this way covers not only the expenditure on food but also on non-food items such as clothing, housing, health and education and social services The Government are not contemplating to redefine the poverty line so far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned.

Rural Housing Innovative Project of Chhattisgarh

†2349 SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sent rural housing innovative project for approval to the Government of India for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken; and

(c) by when approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry received proposal from Zila Panchayat (ZP), Durg and ZP, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh in the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively under the Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development. The proposal of ZP, Durg has been rejected as no innovative technology was proposed. The proposal of ZP Mahasamund cannot be considered as the scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1 4 2004

Swarnjayanti Swarozgar Yojana

2350 SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY. Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing a scheme called "Swarnjayanti Swarozgar Yojana' for increasing the agricultural

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

productivity through optimum utilization of locally available resources and for the welfare of women and other socially challenged sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the amount released since inception of the scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that assistance sought by Karnataka Government for implementation of the scheme in Tumkur District (Karnataka) has so far not been released; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date by when the amount will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) A scheme captioned Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is being implemented by the Government with effect from 1.4.1999. The objective of SGSY is to bring the assisted poor families (Swarozgaris) above the poverty line by ensuring appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time. This objective is to be achieved *inter-alia* by organizing, the rural poor into Self Help Groups (SHGs) through a process of social mobilization, their training and capacity building and provision of income-generating assets through a mix of bank credit and Government subsidy. The selection of activities under the scheme is based on the local resources, the aptitude and skill of the intended Swarozgaris and market potential for products The scheme focuses on vulnerable section of the society including women and socially challenged sections As per guidelines of the scheme, 50% of the group formed in each block should be exclusively for the women Further, women, SCs/STs and disabled are to account for at least 40%, 50% and 3% of the assisted swarozgaris respectively. The amount released by Government of India since inception of the scheme, year-wise and State-wise is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Since inception of the scheme, the Government of India has released to Tumkur District in Karnataka State its due share amounting to Rs 834.77 lakhs upto 2004-05 (upto August, 2004).

Statement

State-wise Central releases under the SGSY from 1999-2000 to 2004-05 (upto July, 04)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	States/U Ts	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Upto July'04)	TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6219.574	5283.98	3068.31	3738.02	3942.42	2652.99	24905.29
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	92.139	99 26	106.34	78.06	139.60	102.90	618.30
3	Assam	3062 364	0	3328.48	2802.61	5313.00	3597.59	18104.04
4	Bihar	11918.05	2978.76	3348.37	3493.34	5488.81	5700.35	32927.68
5	Chhattisgarh	—	1136.08	1467.21	1968.76	2025.44	1401.23	8000.72
6.	Goa	59.78	25	25	17.65	17.65	25.00	170.08
7.	Gujarat	2340.555	1216.65	885.51	1403.27	1508.00	998.64	8352.63
8	Haryana	1784.177	1088.61	679.48	827.79	932.06	587.52	5899.64
9	Himachal Pradesh	475.991	245.91	286.16	348.62	304.77	245.30	1906.75
10	Jammu & Kashmir	411.685	195.23	342.81	350.44	427.45	299.49	2027.11
11	Jharkhand	—	808.88	1196.01	1801.02	2817.41	2378.99	9002.31
12	Karnataka	2348.33	1600.56	1659.33	2686.99	2777.12	2003.38	13075.71
13	Kerala	2083.346	919.53	1039.64	1266.55	1435.18	898.91	7643.16
14	Madhya Pradesh	10013 58	3420.63	3426.29	4232.53	4397.14	2882.44	28371.61
15.	Maharashtra	9284 113	5770.715	3842.09	5579.85	5712.39	3960.20	34149..36

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
16.	Manipur	119.097	24.94	13.02	0.00	56.75	0.00	213.81
17.	Meghalaya	131.516	23.89	83.38	27.51	117.12	46.27	429.69
18.	Mizoram	58.152	62.56	64.17	77.47	99.96	62.53	424.84
19.	Nagaland	102.087	174.94	69.98	83.15	157.80	77.43	665.39
20.	Orissa	7222.672	4353.99	2744.13	4181.99	4553.07	3034.46	26090.31
21.	Punjab	664.977	454.49	325.37	391.58	444.25	285.53	2566.20
22.	Rajasthan	3566.336	2594.5	1759.38	2143.41	2261.24	1521.23	13846.10
23.	Sikkim	68.38	136.83	82.38	95.33	110.76	69.23	562.91
24.	Tamil Nadu	6999.455	4626.3	2713.06	3290.35	3690.70	2345.83	23665.70
25.	Tripura	486.117	860.44	622.08	599.65	696.74	435.46	3702.49
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13337.957	7737.07	6316.37	7126.87	11756.85	8575.36	54850.48
27.	Uttaranchal	—	344.28	496.9	667.95	686.02	477.55	2672.70
28.	West Bengal	,3952.84	0	78.26	1121.19	2617.59	3002.54	10772.42
29.	A&N Islands	29.9	0	12.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.40
30.	Daman & Diu	29.89	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.89
31.	D & N Haveli	29.89	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.89
32.	Lakshadweep	29.89	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.89
33.	Pondicherry	29.89	25	28.93	53.64	25.00	50.00	212.46
	TOTAL:	86954.73	46211.03	40109.94	50455.59	64512.29	47718.35	335961.93

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